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Applicant : Shunpei Yamazaki, et al. Art Unit : 1792
Serial No. : 09/892,225 Examiner : Mathew J. Song
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Title : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREFOR

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REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 9, 2008

Claims 15-19, 29-31, 35, 36, 39-46, 49-54, 57-68, 71-76 and 95-100 are pending in this application, with claims 15, 16, 35, 36, 39 and 40 being independent.

The pending claims have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-127 of U.S. Patent No. 6,913,956 ("the '956 patent") in view of Burghartz (U.S. Patent No. 5,461,250), over claims 1-70 of U.S. Patent No. 7,115,453 ("the '453 patent") in view of Burghartz, and over claims 1-70 of U.S. Patent No. 7,052,943 ("the '943 patent") in view of Burghartz. Applicants are submitting with this response a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) and 1.321(b). Applicants, therefore, request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

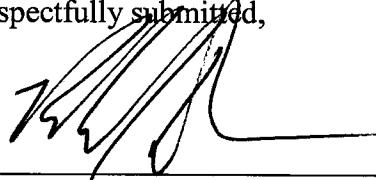
Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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